

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 98-7-6**

Date Prepared: July 2, 1998
For Work Week Commencing: July 6, 1998
Business Meeting: July 6, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC Dockets No. D98.5.105, D98.5.106, D98.5.114, & D98.5.115 – Electric Territorial Integrity, exclusive service area agreements – Discussion and action as necessary on pending service area agreements; PSC direction (7/7/98)
2. Docket L97.8.6-RUL – Electric Licensing Rules – Discuss Notice of Adoption (7/7/98)
3. MPC Docket D98.2.28 – MPC gas pilot program – Update to PSC; discuss and act as necessary on schedule, settlement (if filed), procedures, and other matters, if necessary (7/7/98)
4. USWC Dockets D98.5.100 & D97.10.206 – USWC EAS true-up and Yellowstone region – Discuss and act on draft final order (7/7/98)
5. USWC Docket D97.5.87 – USWC's 271 filing – Discussion and action as necessary (7/7/98)

6. USWC Docket N98.6.148 – USWC 1997 Annual Report – Motion for Protective Order – Discuss and act on motion for protective order (7/7/98)
7. Weekly/Monthly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. PACIFICORP DOCKET NO. D98.6.136 (ERIC)

On June 18, 1998, PacifiCorp filed for authority to issue and sell not more than 45,000,000 shares of its Common Stock. The Company requests that such authority remain in effect until all the Shares have been issued. The purpose of the requested authority is to issue the Shares from time to time as acquisitions or requirements for funding of the Company's nonutility operations arise. A Default Order has been drafted.

2. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS CO. - Docket N98.6.137 (Nina)

On June 23, 1998, Sprint Communications filed tariff revisions to change the name of Resale Solutions and its associated products to Single Source Solutions; and to introduce Sprint Sense Block of Time, which allows customers to place a predetermined number of Dial-1 intrastate and interstate minutes during a month for a monthly recurring charge. Any usage above the predetermined minutes will be charged a flat non-distance, non-time of day sensitive rate. This was a notice item on 6/29/98. Staff recommends approval.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. CENTURY TEL-Docket N98.6.146 (Vicki)

On June 29, 1998, CenturyTel filed tariff pages adding volume and term discounts for Digital Switched Service (DSS) trunks.

2. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION - Docket N98.6.145(Vicki)

On June 26, 1998, MCI filed tariff pages deferring the access surcharge rate for Option F (Prism Plus); expanding the service offering feature for Option O (MCI PrePaid); and clarifying the monthly fee charge for Option CC (MCI One Advantage).

3. RONAN TELEPHONE CO. – Docket N98.6.144 (Nina)

On June 24, 1998, Ronan Telephone Company filed tariff revisions adding monthly charges for Unlimited Usage and 10 Hours Per Month Maximum Usage, for both Personal and Business Internet Access Services, along with additions to the E-Mail Accounts.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-7-13

RONAN TELEPHONE CO. – Docket N98.6.144(Nina)

CENTURY TEL-Docket N98.6.146(Vicki)

MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION - Docket N98.6.145(Vicki)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N98.6.145 – MCI Tariff changes to options O, F, & CC

N98.6.146 – CenturyTel Tariff rate additions and changes

D98.6.147 – Black Hills Power & Light Co Quarterly fuel rate rider

N98.6.148 – USWC Motion for Protective Order for Annual Report

D98.7.149 – PSC Repeal of Section 69-4-115MCA